

REMARKS

In response to a Notice of Omitted Items mailed on November 26, 2003, the above preliminary amendment is being respectfully submitted as evidence in support of a Petition with Evidence of Deposit. All requisite drawings were deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 5, 2003. Typographical errors in the specification have been corrected to accurately describe the Figure numbers of the drawings deposited. No new matter has been added.

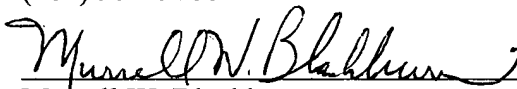
Conclusion

In view of the above preliminary amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a refund of the petition fee upon a determination that Figures 3 and 4 were deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 5, 2003. If the assigned Examiner or Customer Service Representative believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner or Customer Service Representative is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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